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BRUSSELS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: THE PEACE CONFERENCE AND KNESSET ELECTIONS

1. WELL PLACED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBERS OF LABOR PARTY HAVE TOLD US RECENTLY THAT, IN THEIR JUDGMENT, ATMOSPHERICS AT OPENING SESSION OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON OUTCOME OF DEC 31 KNESSET ELECTIONS.

2. OUR SOURCES HAVE STRESSED THAT "MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE" EGYPTIAN PRESENTATION WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO LABOR PARTY ON ELECTION DAY. CONVERSELY, "INTRANSIGENT, HARDLINE" EGYPTIAN PRESENTATION CASTING IN CONCRETE NON-NEGOTIABLE DEMANDS FOR UNILATERAL ISRAELI CONCESSIONS WOULD STRENGTHEN OPPOSITION LIKUD IN CHARACTERIZING GOI PARTICIPATION IN PEACE CONFERENCE

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AS SURRENDER O INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE.

ISRAELIS ALSO WOULD BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO TONE AND NUANCES OF US PRESENTATION FOR FURTHER INDICATION OF WHAT PEACE CONFERENCE PORTENDS FOR ISRAELI INTERESTS.

3. IN RECENT DAYS*WE H*VE BEEN GIVEN ESTIMATES FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE ISRAELIS THAT AS OF NOW LABOR ALIGNMENT STOOD TO LOSE 8-9 MANDATES AND THAT LIKUD COULD WIN MOST OF THESE, WITH SOME GOING TO PARTIES OF FAR LEFT. THEY FURTHER BELIEVED THAT LABOR ELECTORAL PROSPECTS COULD BE BRIGHTENED IF IT COULD DEMONSTRATE TO ISRAELI PUBLIC THAT PEACE CONFERENCE REPRESENTED REAL CHANCE FOR PRODUCING VIABLE SETTLEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ISRAELIS ARE MAKING VALID POINT REGARDING RELATIONSHIP OF PEACE CONFERENCE T* ELECTION OUTCOME. ALSO IT IS CLEARLY IN US INTEREST FOR MRS MEIR TO WIN RENEWED MANDATE ON DEC 31 OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO ALLOW HER TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ARE GOING INTO FORMULATION OF EGYPTIAN OPENING PRESENTATION AND THAT THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR INFLUENCE ON SUCH A MATTER. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN NUDGE EGYPTIANS IN DIRECTION OF "MODERATION" IT WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES, IN MY JUDGMENT.
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